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Title: METHOD AND DEVICES FOR CONTINUOUS SAMPLING OF
AIRBORNE PARTICLES USING A REGENERATIVE SURFACE

ELECTION IN RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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TO THE DIRECTOR OF THE PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE:

The following is in response to a Restriction Requirement mailed November 29, 2007, in which the Examiner restricted the above-identified patent application. The Examiner indicates that there are three groups of patentably distinct inventions defined by the claims in this application, as follows:

- Group I, which includes Claims 1-26 and 63, is drawn to methods of continuously monitoring airborne particles, wherein each method comprises a plurality of cycles, classified in class 436, subclass 177.
- Group II, which includes Claims 27-46 and 57-62, is drawn to an air sampling apparatus having a homing or translocation means, classified in class 422, subclass 66.
- Group III, which includes Claims 47-56, is drawn to an air sampling apparatus with a liquid coating applicator, classified in class 422, subclass 88.

Election of Group

In response to this Restriction, applicants hereby affirmatively elect the claims of Group II (i.e., Claims 27-46 and 56-62), *without traverse*, subject to applicants' right to file one or more divisional applications directed to the non-elected inventions.

Respectfully submitted,

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